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February 3, 2014, 1:15 Agenda, Room 229

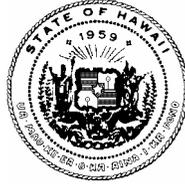
SUPPORT: SB 2469 RELATING TO TELEHEALTH

Beth Giesting, Healthcare Transformation Coordinator, Office of the Governor

Thank you for the opportunity to support SB 2469, Relating to Telehealth. We thoroughly agree with the premise that effective use of telehealth is essential to improve access to care in Hawaii, where our island geography presents us with unique challenges. We also endorse SB 2469's approach that clarifies the practice of telehealth, ensures equitable payment, and continues to build the infrastructure that will support its use.

We note, however, that health care delivery and payment models are changing quickly, as is the technology that can support it. We expect that the regulations governing telehealth will also need to evolve and look forward to supporting your future work to legislate progressive policy in this area.

Thank you for the opportunity to support his measure.



**STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**

P. O. Box 339
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February 3, 2014

TO: The Honorable Josh Green, M.D., Chair
Senate Committee on Health

The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Chair
Senate Committee on Technology and the Arts

FROM: Patricia McManaman, Director

SUBJECT: **S.B. 2469 - RELATING TO TELEHEALTH**

Hearing: Monday, February 3, 2014; 1:15 p.m.
Conference Room 229, State Capitol

PURPOSE: The purpose of this bill is to require reimbursement for telehealth to be equivalent to reimbursement for the same services provided via face-to-face contact between a health care provider and a patient, clarifies what health care providers are able to perform telehealth, and amends references to telemedicine to telehealth for consistency.

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services (DHS) provides comments for consideration.

The Med-QUEST Division (MQD) supports evidence-based telehealth to expand access to quality healthcare. The MQD does cover telehealth psychiatric services and currently does provide for equivalent reimbursement for a face-to-face visit. However, we currently do have a requirement that the provider is required to have had at least one actual face-to-face visit prior to initiating telehealth visits.

The MQD does not support paying the same for disparate services. Payment typically follows Current Procedural Terminology methodology and is based on history, physical, and decision making. More comprehensive physical examinations can be performed in person. When a physical examination is not performed, the visit may be shorter in duration, and the provider may not be fully informed to develop a treatment plan.

In addition, while we believe that telehealth can be another tool to be utilized by healthcare professionals, we have concerns that codifying how reimbursement is to be made for services could impact the Medicaid program. The MQD must obtain approval from the federal government for all services provided through the Medicaid program, including reimbursement rates. Should the State mandate a reimbursement methodology that is not approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, it will result in the MQD having to provide and fund those services with 100% State funds.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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February 3, 2014

The Honorable Josh Green, Chair
Senate Committee on Health

and

The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Chair
Senate Committee on Technology and the Arts
Twenty-Seventh Legislature
State Capitol
State of Hawaii
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Green and Senator Wakai, and Members of the Committees:

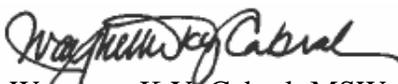
SUBJECT: SB 2469 – Relating to Telehealth

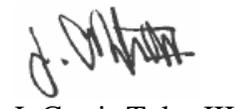
The State Council on Developmental Disabilities **SUPPORTS SB 2469**. The purpose of this bill is to: (1) Require reimbursement for services provided through telehealth to be equivalent to reimbursement for the same services provided via face-to-face contact between a health care provider and a patient; (2) Clarify that a health care provider of telehealth includes primary care providers, mental health providers, and oral health providers, such as physicians and osteopathic physicians, advanced practice registered nurses, psychologists, and dentists; and (3) Amend references to "telemedicine" in the Hawaii Revised Statutes to "telehealth" for consistency.

The DD Council would like to highlight the second purpose noted within the bill, which is to clarify that a health care provider of telehealth includes primary care providers, mental health providers, and oral health providers, such as physicians and osteopathic physicians, advanced practice registered nurses, psychologists, and dentists. The DD Council is responsible for the development and implementation of a Five-Year State Plan. Our current State Plan (FY 2012-2016) includes an Objective, "Address all medical gaps in services, as indicated within the Individualized Service Plan by September 30, 2016." An activity to address the objective is to pursue statewide telemedicine opportunities. This bill would assist in the delivery of enhanced statewide health care services, increase access to services, and provide timely information to patients and health care providers.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer our **support of SB 2469**.

Sincerely,


Waynette K.Y. Cabral, MSW
Executive Administrator


J. Curtis Tyler III
Chair

**PRESENTATION OF THE
HAWAII MEDICAL BOARD**

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

AND

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TECHNOLOGY AND THE ARTS

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2014

Monday, February 3, 2014
1:15 p.m.

TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL NO. 2469, RELATING TELEHEALTH.

TO THE HONORABLE JOSH GREEN, CHAIR,
TO THE HONORABLE GLENN WAKAI, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEES:

My name is Ahlani Quiogue, and I am one of the Executive Officers of the Hawaii Medical Board (“Board”). In the past, the Board has discussed amending references to “telemedicine” in Chapter 453, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to “telehealth” for consistency. Therefore, it agrees with these changes.

The Board has not had an opportunity to review this bill, but will be discussing it at its next meeting on February 13, 2014. As such, we are not able to offer comments on other amendments at this time.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on Senate Bill No. 2469.



Monday – February 3, 2014 – 1:15pm
Conference Room 229

The Senate Committee on Health

To: Senator Josh Green, Chair
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair

The Senate Committee on Technology and the Arts

To: Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair

From: George Greene
President & CEO
Healthcare Association of Hawaii

Re: Testimony in Support
SB 2469 — Relating to Telehealth

The Healthcare Association of Hawaii (HAH) is a 116 member organization that includes all of the acute care hospitals in Hawaii, the majority of long term care facilities, all the Medicare-certified home health agencies, all hospice programs, as well as other healthcare organizations including durable medical equipment, air and ground ambulance, blood bank and respiratory therapy. In addition to providing quality care to all of Hawaii's residents, our members contribute significantly to Hawaii's economy by employing nearly 20,000 people statewide.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of SB 2469, which would (1) require reimbursement for telehealth services to be equivalent to reimbursement for the same medical services provided in person; and (2) include primary care providers, mental health providers, oral health providers, advanced practice registered nurses, psychologists, and dentists as eligible telehealth providers.

SB 2469 would modernize the practice of medicine in Hawaii by promoting telehealth—which is used effectively and extensively throughout the county—by requiring coverage for telehealth services. Telehealth is vitally important to a state like Hawaii, where many segments of the population face challenges in accessing quality health care due to geography. SB 2469 would allow residents on the neighbor islands and in rural areas to access essential services that are readily available to patients in Honolulu. HAH supports SB 2469, which would improve the quality of healthcare—and quality of life—for patients throughout the state through the expanded use of telehealth.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of SB 2469.

Written Testimony Presented Before the
House Committee on Health
February 3, 2014, 1:15 PM
By
Dale M. Allison, PhD, APRN-Rx, FAAN
Board Member
Hawai`i State Center for Nursing

HB 2469 RELATING TO TELEHEALTH

Chair: Senator Josh Green, Vice Chair, Senator Roselyn Baker, and members of the Senate Committee on Health, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on HB 2469.

As a member of the Board of the Hawai`i State Center for Nursing, I am speaking for the Board in support the purpose of this Act is to:

- (1) Require reimbursement for services provided through telehealth to be equivalent to reimbursement for the same services provided via face-to-face contact between a health care provider and a patient;
- (2) Clarify that a health care provider of telehealth includes primary care providers, mental health providers, and oral health providers such as physicians and osteopathic physicians, advanced practice registered nurses, psychologists, and dentists.

Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs) fulfill a leadership role within Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs) by demonstrating enhanced care coordination skills and fostering positive patient-provider relationships in complex care conditions. Utilization of telehealth informatics tools within a preventative care model, such as ACOs, can reduce readmission rates, contain costs, and improve patient outcomes

Further, HB 2469 will enable APRNs to help realize the vision of the ACA by utilizing their skills in clinical integration, analytics and case management of chronic disease populations to improve upon the quality and efficiency of the health care system.

Therefore, The Hawai`i State Center for Nursing respectfully requests that this Committee pass HB 2469 unamended. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



Community Alliance for Mental Health

February, 3, 2014

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To: Senate Health & Technology Committees
Re: SB 2469

Aloha Senators Green, Wakai, and the members of their committees,

On behalf of the Community Alliance for Mental Health along with United Self Help we support SB 2469.

Hawai'i is suffering from a shortage of medical personnel. There is an even worse shortage of specialist. The situation on the Neighbor Islands is even worse. Tele-health is going to be a necessary mechanism to address the problem but we would be shooting ourselves in the foot if we don't see to it that there is parity in re-imbursements for the profession.

Scott Wall
VP/Legislative Advocate
Community Alliance for Mental Health



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S.B. 2469, Relating to Telehealth
Senate Committee on Health
Senate Committee on Technology and the Arts
February 3, 2014; 1:15 p.m.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in **support** of S.B. 2469, Relating to Telehealth. My name is Karen Seth, Director, Neuroscience Institute and Ancillary Services, of The Queens Medical Center.

Telehealth is a viable component to a solution to Hawaii's well-known challenges in healthcare resources and access to care. Telehealth has made some strides more recently, though issues still remain that inhibit its seamless use in Hawaii's healthcare delivery system. The Queen's Medical Center's Neuroscience Institute currently provides telehealth coverage for acute stroke consultation in the Emergency Departments at Wahiawa General, Molokai General, Hilo, and soon we will be adding Kona Hospital, QMC West, and North Hawaii over the next year. The telestroke project is currently supported through a Department of Health grant, through the Neurotrauma fund, but the system should seek to be self-sustaining, which includes reimbursements for professional fees.

QMC believes that telehealth is a clinically effective and cost efficient means to care for patients. It is a modality that we will continue to investigate and hope to expand for future clinical situations. Over the years, there have been telehealth projects in Hawaii that have been initiated, but closed as the funding was exhausted. The sustainability of telehealth is rooted in its ability to support a clinical need, easily fit into the clinical workflow, maintain the latest technology, serve a large population, and ensure appropriate reimbursement for financial viability. Streamlining and clarifying the reimbursement component will motivate the broader use of the technology.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.



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DATE: ~~Monday, February 03, 2014~~ Monday, February 03, 2014
TIME: ~~5PM~~ 1:15PM
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415 South Beretania Street 415 South Beretania Street

TO:

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Senator Josh Green, Chair

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair

COMMITTEE ON TECHNOLOGY AND THE ARTS

Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair

Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair

FROM:

Hawaii Medical Association

Dr. Walton Shim, MD, President

Dr. Linda Rasmussen, MD, Legislative Co-Chair

Dr. Ron Keinitz, DO, Legislative Co-Chair

Dr. Christopher Flanders, DO, Executive Director

Lauren Zirbel, Community and Government Relations

RE: SB 2469 RELATING TO TELEHEALTH

Position: Support

This measure requires reimbursement for services provided through telehealth to be equivalent to reimbursement for the same services provided via face-to-face contact between a health care provider and a patient. Clarifies that a health care provider of telehealth includes primary care providers, mental health providers, and oral health providers such as physicians and osteopathic physicians, advanced practice registered nurses, psychologists, and dentists. This measure amends references to "telemedicine" in the Hawaii Revised Statutes to "telehealth" for consistency.

HMA supports this measure on behalf of our neighbor island patients who rely on telehealth to maintain a regular relationship with their treating physician. Telehealth can be an important tool if used properly. HMA advises that a previous face-to-face consultation between the patient and the provider take place before a telehealth relationship is used to care for the patient.

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The HMA also strongly supports provider to provider consultation via telehealth. Often times a patient will have a primary care provider on the island that they live on and a specialist that lives on Oahu. Telehealth allows these two providers to interact with the patient at one time. Provider to provider consultation is very important for patients that see providers on more than one island and can be extremely helpful in an emergency medical situation.

We find the description of providers of telehealth is confusing because physicians seem to be listed a oral health providers. We would recommend amending the language in multiple parts of the bill to be more in line with this:

Clarify that a health care provider of telehealth includes primary care providers, mental health providers, oral health providers, physicians and osteopathic physicians, advanced practice registered nurses, and psychologists, and dentists; and

Thank you for introducing this bill and for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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Senator Josh Green, Chair
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair**

**Senate Committee on Technology and the Arts
Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair**

Monday, February 3, 2014
Conference Room 229
1:15 p.m.
Hawaii State Capitol

Testimony Supporting Senate Bill 2469, Relating to Telehealth. Requires reimbursement for services provided through telehealth to be equivalent to reimbursement for the same services proved via face-to-face contact between a health care provider and a patient. Clarifies that a health care provider of telehealth includes primary care providers, mental health providers, and oral health providers such as physicians and osteopathic physicians, advanced practice registered nurses, psychologists, and dentists. Amends references to “telemedicine” in the Hawaii Revised Statutes to “telehealth” for consistency.

Alice M. Hall
Acting President and Chief Executive Officer
Hawaii Health Systems Corporation

On behalf of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC) Corporate Board of Directors, thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in support of SB 2469.

Telehealth has proven to be an outstanding technique and tool for healthcare providers and patients/families to collaborate on healthcare and educational information to improve the health of our island communities. Its technologies enable our facilities to connect among those within and outside the system.

We appreciate the Committee’s focus on improving healthcare for our island communities. Thank you for the opportunity to testify before this committee. We respectively recommend the Committee's support of this measure.

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Written Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Health
February 3, 2014, 1:15 p.m.

By
Lenora Lorenzo DNP, APRN, FAANP
Family, Geriatrics and Diabetes Nurse Practitioner
Region 9 Director, American Association of Nurse Practitioners

SB 2469 RELATING TO TELEHEALTH

Chair Green, Vice Chair Baker and members of the Senate Committee on Health, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong support on SB 2469.

The American Association of Nurse Practitioners and I as a practicing Nurse Practitioner supports the purpose of this Act is to:

(1) Require reimbursement for services provided through telehealth to be equivalent to reimbursement for the same services provided via face-to-face contact between a health care provider and a patient;

(2) Clarify that a health care provider of telehealth includes primary care providers, mental health providers, and oral health providers such as physicians and osteopathic physicians, advanced practice registered nurses, psychologists, and dentists.

As a practicing Nurse Practitioner, I have been delivering health care for chronic conditions like Diabetes, and Hypertension for 5 years to our Hawaiian neighbor islands and remote US Pacific Territory Islands of Guam and Samoa. Our Veterans Administration telehealth care demonstrate good outcomes and the efficacy of telehealth in increasing access to high quality health care.

Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs) fulfill a leadership role within Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs) by demonstrating enhanced care coordination skills and fostering positive patient-provider relationships in complex care conditions. Utilization of telehealth informatics tools within a preventative care model, such as ACOs, can reduce readmission rates, contain costs, and improve patient outcomes. Further, SB 2469 will enable APRNs to help realize the vision of the ACA by utilizing their skills in clinical integration, analytics and case management of chronic disease populations to improve upon the quality and efficiency of the health care system.

Therefore, the American Association of Nurse Practitioners and I as a practicing Nurse Practitioner requests that this Committee pass SB 2469 unamended. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Written Testimony Presented Before the
House Committee on Health
February 3, 2014, 1:15 PM
By
Alice Tse, PhD, APRN

SB 2469 RELATING TO TELEHEALTH

Chair Green, Vice Chair Baker and members of the Senate Committee on Health, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on SB 2469.

I, Alice M. Tse, PhD, APRN, supports the purpose of this Act is to:

- (1) Require reimbursement for services provided through telehealth to be equivalent to reimbursement for the same services provided via face-to-face contact between a health care provider and a patient;
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Therefore, I, Alice M. Tse, APRN, PhD, respectfully requests that this Committee pass SB 2469 unamended. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Written Testimony Presented Before the
House Committee on Health
January 31 2014
By
Susan Lee

SB 2469 RELATING TO TELEHEALTH

Chair Senator Josh Green, Vice Chair Rosalyn h. Baler and members of the Committee on Health,

thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on SB 2469.

Susan Lee supports the purpose of this Act is to:

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Therefore, Hawaii State Center for Nursing respectfully requests that this Committee pass SB 2469 unamended. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Valisa Saunders	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

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Written Testimony Presented Before the
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February 3, 2014, 1:15 p.m.

By
Denise Cohen, PhD, APRN
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SB 2469 RELATING TO TELEHEALTH

Chair Green, Vice Chair Baker and members of the Senate Committee on Health,
thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong support on SB 2469.

I strongly support the purpose of this Act is to:

(1) Require reimbursement for services provided through telehealth to be equivalent to reimbursement for the same services provided via face-to-face contact between a health care provider and a patient;

(2) Clarify that a health care provider of telehealth includes primary care providers, mental health providers, and oral health providers such as physicians and osteopathic physicians, advanced practice registered nurses, psychologists, and dentists.

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Further, SB 2469 will enable APRNs to help realize the vision of the ACA by utilizing their skills in clinical integration, analytics and case management of chronic disease populations to improve upon the quality and efficiency of the health care system.

Therefore, I respectfully requests that this Committee pass SB 2469 unamended. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ellen Awai	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this bill for telehealth. Made up of islands, Hawaii is unique to most of the other states where health treatments can usually be accessed by car. As a former employee with the department of health, telecommunications has proven to be vital in saving transportation costs for various types of meetings where the opinions of the neighbor island staff or consumers are important in decision making. But an individual's health should be seen as just as important. Although only the first page is visible online and I'm not sure of the rest of it, I support bill SB2469.

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Written Testimony Presented Before the
House Committee on Health
Monday February 3, 2014, 1:15 pm
By The Committee on Health

SB 2469 RELATING TO TELEHEALTH

Chair, Senator Josh Green, Vice Chair Senator Rosalyn H. Baker and members of the Senate
Committee on Health,

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on SB 2469.

SB 2469 supports the purpose of this Act is to:

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According to The Institute of Medicine (2011),

“Scope-of-practice regulations in all states should reflect the full extent not only of nurses but of each profession’s education and training. Elimination of barriers for all professions with a focus on collaborative teamwork will maximize and improve care throughout the health care system. “

Further, SB 2469 will enable APRNs to help realize the vision of the Governor’s Health Care Transformation initiative and the ACA by utilizing their skills in clinical integration, analytics and case management of chronic disease populations to improve upon the quality and efficiency of the health care system throughout Hawaii.

Therefore, as an APRN, nurse educator, and community member, I respectfully request that this Committee pass HB 2469 unamended. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Christine Beck MSN/MA, APRN, FNP-BC, P/CHCNS-BC, CTN

Written Testimony Presented Before the
House Committee on Health
February 3, 2014, 1:15p.m.

By
Molly Ashkenas

SB 2469 RELATING TO TELEHEALTH

Chair Josh Green, Vice Chair Rosalyn Baker, and members of the Senate Committee on Health,

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Written Testimony Presented Before the
Joint Hearing by Senate Committees on Health and on Technology and the Arts

DATE: Monday, February 03, 2014

TIME: 1:15PM

PLACE: Conference Room 229
State Capitol

by

Dr. Linda Beechinor, APRN

TO: Senator Josh Green, Chair, Senate Health Committee

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair

Senate Health Committee Members

and,

Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair, Senate Committee on Technology and the Arts

Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair

Senate Committee on Technology and the Arts Members

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in support of this bill to:

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Written Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Health
February 3, 2014 1:15 p.m.

By
Anne Scharnhorst, MN, RN-BC
UHMC Allied Health Department Co-Chair

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(2) Clarify that a health care provider of telehealth includes primary care providers, mental health providers, and oral health providers such as physicians and osteopathic physicians, advanced practice registered nurses, psychologists, and dentists.

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Further, SB 2469 will enable APRNs to help realize the vision of the ACA by utilizing their skills in clinical integration, analytics and case management of chronic disease populations to improve upon the quality and efficiency of the health care system.

Therefore, I respectfully requests that this Committee pass SB 2469 unamended. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Comments: I support that services via healthnet be reimbursed the same as face-to-face.

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